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SUBJECT: PARAKOU-MALANVILLE ROAD 625-H-002

REF: ABIDJAN 8706

1. AIDOFF RECEIVED FROM GBAGUIDI COPY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM DORSCH DATED 12/27 WHICH DORSCH REPORTED THEY ADDRESSED TO AID/W AND REDSO/WA:

2. QUOTE

WE WERE INFORMED BY MR. GBAGUIDI OF TRAVAUX PUBLICS, COTONOU, THAT YOU DEMANDED FURTHER DETAILS IN THE EVALUATION OF THE TENDERS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO GO ANY FURTHER IN THE ANALYSIS DUE TO LACK OF DATA. HOWEVER, WE MUST POINT OUT THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN THAT COST PER KILOMETER BETWEEN THE US-AID SECTION AND THAT OF THE BANK IS ABOUT 37 PERCENT (14.9 VERSUS 10.9 MID CFA/KM). CONSIDERING THE SUPPLY AND SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS. THE PRICES FIXED FOR 2 1/2 YEARS AND THE EFFECT OF DROUGHT IN THE NORTHERN REGION. THIS DIFFERENCE APPEARS TOLERABLE. A YEARLY INFLATION OF 8 PERCENT ALONE RESULTS IN A DIFFERENCE OF MORE THAN 20 PERCENT IN 30 MONTHS. YOU MIGHT REDUCE THE COSTS BY INTRODUCING A PRICE REVISION FORMULA UNTIL NOW OBJECTED BY THE US-AID OR BY SHORTENING THE SECTION FINANCED BY YOU. THE DIFFERENCE IN QUANTITIES

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CAUSED BY THE SHORTENING COULD BE CALCULATED WITHIN ONE WEEK

PENDING YOUR AGREEMENT WITH THE BANK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR  
ADVISING US DIRECTLY ON JANUARY 3. WE SHALL TRY TO CONTACT  
YOU BY PHONE TO CLARIFY ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, WE  
WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CHANGE ANY  
OF OUR CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN OUR REPORT OF 12 DECEMBER, AND  
THAT W\* ACC\*\*T THE ARGUMENTS GIVEN BY M-K REPRESENTATIVES.  
REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. UNQUOTE

3. IN PASSING COPY OF MESSAGE, GBAGUIDI OFFERED CONVOKE DORSCH  
TO COTONOU FOR MEUEING WITH REDSO AND MRGD STAFFS IF \*T DESIRABLE.  
ADVISE.  
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